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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 8. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

1. At its 32nd meeting, on 20 October 1993, the Committee considered section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations emphasized the importance of the activities proposed under section 8 and supported the proposed programme of work.

3. One delegation expressed concern that the programme of work contained elements of technical cooperation activities, in particular in the areas of social development and advancement of women, which were outside the responsibilities of the Department as defined by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993.

4. One delegation expressed concern that the level of resources proposed in the context of programme 45, Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development, may not be sufficient for implementation of relating mandates.

Another delegation indicated that the activities relating to development of least-developed countries may duplicate those carried out by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee took note of the fact that the creation of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development represented a new phase in the United Nations activities towards an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development.

6. The Committee agreed that the work to be carried out by the Department was of growing importance and of high priority.

7. The Committee emphasized the importance of the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate services and resources are provided for those events.

8. The Committee recommended that appropriate measures should be taken for strengthening the coordination among the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and regional commissions.

9. The Committee stressed that the activities and relating resources proposed under section 8 in relation to the Committee for Development Planning and the World Food Council should be maintained without prejudging intergovernmental consultations on the future of the two intergovernmental bodies.

10. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.